MOTOR VOTER NEWS

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VOTER REGISTRATION

January 19th is the last day to register via motor voter or mail-in registration and be eligible to vote in the February Presidential Primary.

A citizen who is registering for the first time in Washington State can register in-person at their County Auditor's office up until Febrary 4th

Timing is of the essence as we draw nearer to the Presidential Primary on February 19, 2007!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"People who don't vote have no line of credit with people who are elected and thus pose no threat to those who act against our interests."

-Marian Wright Edelman

Washington State Election News

Statewide measures on the 2007 General Election ballot have been certified.

About half of all registered voters turned out for the election, casting 1,645,652 ballots.

Most voters chose to vote by mail. Out of all ballots cast, 92.2% were cast by mail. Currently, thirty-six of thirty-nine counties vote entirely by mail. King and Kittitas Counties have plans to switch to all-mail voting in 2008.

Statewide certified measures December 6, 2007 include:

Initiative 960: Tax and fee increases Referendum 67: Insurance claims Constitutional amendment 8206: Establishing a budget stabilization account

Constitutional amendment 8212: Inmate labor

Constitutional amendment 4204: School district tax levies

Constitutional amendment 4215: Investment of higher education permanent funds

Statewide measures generally went into effect on December 6, thirty days after the election. ESSJR 8206 will go into effect on July 1, 2008.

Resources

For Voter Registration information and downloadable forms (including foreign language forms) visit:

www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx

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Motor Voter **November Results**

The "Motor Voter" world has settled down to historical averages after record-setting performances by the Department of Licensing's offices in August and September, 2007.

The office on 136th Avenue in Vancouver retained its title for the second month in a row as the state's highest producing "Motor Voter" office by submitting 568 registration forms. Statewide. the average number of registrations submitted each week fell by 300, from 1,885 in October to 1,585 in November. This is consistent, however, with past trends as the General Election concludes and the holiday season begins.

In October, a record 41 offices submitted 95% or more of all their "motor voter" forms on time (no later than a week after receipt). In November, 39 offices submitted 100% of their forms on time! Congratulations to these outstanding performers:

Oak Harbor Port Townsend N. 85th St, Seattle Union St. Seattle Lynnwood Federal Way 27th St W. Tacoma Parkland Poulsbo Lacey Olympia HLB White Salmon Colville Spokane North Clarkston Goldendale Ephrata Ellensburg Anacortes Union Gap Newport

Friday Harbor Port Angeles Bothell Bellevue Everett Auburn Forks Shelton Kelso Moses Lake Omak Oroville Pullman Coulee Dam Morton Republic Walla Walla

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